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Notes on the News

Coffee Rationing, and Rubber Boats

Among the lesser horrors of war is the scheduled rationing of coffee the last of this month, and some towns are rushing the date. Over in Forrest City, for instance.

Drive to Delay Gas Rationing Gains Strength

—Washington

Washington, Nov. 17.—(AP)—A congressional drive to postpone the nationwide rationing of gasoline, now scheduled to start on Dec. 1, was reported by its backers today to have gained strength in influential quarters.

Without disclosing the names of more than a score of congressmen he said had assured him of support, Representative Johnson (D-Okla.) said there was "a splendid chance" for an early hearing on a resolution he introduced yesterday to set up a three-man board to study the entire petroleum situation.

Johnson's resolution automatically would forestall nationwide application of gasoline rationing for three months to give the board a chance to complete a survey. It was referred to the banking and currency committee, several members of which have been outspokenly opposed to extension of rationing into areas having plentiful supplies.

The board proposed by Johnson would be similar to the Duff Committee which recently completed a study of the rubber situation. Its three members, to be appointed by the president, would represent the petroleum industry and the petroleum business.

"I have received considerably more support from the members than I anticipated," the Oklahoma said.

Ever since announcement was made last August that rationing would be extended from the 17 eastern states to the entire nation, western and midwestern representatives, along with some from the south, have protested almost daily in the House that the move would unnecessarily inconvenience residents of those areas. They argued, moreover, that rationing would cut many oil companies out of business and would seriously curtail petroleum production at a time when it is needed most.

Rep. Bonnett (R-Mo.) told the House yesterday that nationwide rationing would be "neither wise nor necessary... because we have no shortage of gasoline."

Eastern Ration Reduced
Washington, Nov. 17.—(AP)—A reduction in the value of basic gasoline ration coupons from four gallons to three gallons in the 17 eastern seaboard states has been approved at least tentatively by the Office of Price Administration, an informed government source said today.

The reduction is expected to be announced shortly along with additional measures to save fuel oil, he said. There was no indication, however, of curtailing household rations of fuel oil for heating below the present 65 degree standard, and OPA officials have expressed reluctance to do this.

The source cannot be quoted by name.

The cut in gasoline rations will apply only to the Atlantic coast states whose supply is affected by acute shortages of transportation, and is not expected to affect the four-gallon basic ration to be instituted December 1 in the rest of the country under the nationwide mileage rationing program, he said.

Registration Preference to Truck Owners

In an effort to speed up gasoline rationing which starts December 1, applications for truck and other commercial vehicles, tractors and others, will be handled immediately in advance of passenger car rationing registration on November 18, 19 and 20, the Rationing Board announced today.

Truck owners who have applied for but have not received certificates of War Necessity by Nov. 30 will be granted temporary "T" rations pending receipt of the certificate.

Effective date of rationing for both cars and trucks will be 12:01 a. m. December 1, T. S. McDavitt, chairman stressed.

Tunisia May Be Passed in Dash Toward Tripoli

—Africa

By E. C. DANIEL
London, Nov. 17.—(AP)—British-American advance forces were reported today to have driven back Axis forward units in the first clash of the battle for Tunisia, and German reports suggested that the Allies were engaged in an enveloping movement aimed at cutting off Bizerte and Tunis in a short-cut dash toward Tripoli.

Reuters quoted the Algiers broadcast as describing the opening engagement of the Tunisian fight as a clash of reconnaissance forces, but the location of the set-to was not disclosed.

A Berlin broadcast said, however, that although German planes were in action against advancing British and American columns, no attacks by Allied ground troops against German positions had been reported.

By E. C. DANIEL
London, Nov. 17.—(AP)—A German report that British and American motorized forces have reached the southern Tunisian border area suggested today that the Allies might be aiming two armored spearheads into Tunisia, one toward Bizerte and Tunis along the coast, and the other through desert and mountain trails directly toward Tripoli to trap Axis forces in North Africa.

There was no word from Allied sources that the battle yet was joined, but German reports said Nazi planes bombed British and American mobile columns sweeping along the coastal road from Algeria to Bizerte and in the southern border area to Tunisia.

What was meant by the southern border area was not defined, but it was recalled here that as early as the middle of last week an American force from Algeria was reported moving southeast on the Bou-Saada road in the direction of lower Tunisia and a shortcut to Tripoli.

Nothing has been reported from this column since.

Other desert trails, it was noted, lead to southern Tunisia from the Lake Chad region where American and Fighting French forces have been fighting since the British and French forces gathered in the north of French Tunisia in Africa. It is roughly 1,000 miles from the Lake Chad country to the Tunisian border, however.

Meanwhile bad weather over the Libyan desert curtailed aerial activity, and a United States communication from Cairo said American reconnaissance planes patrolled the desert without encountering the enemy. British reports also suggested that Field Marshal Rommel's withdrawal had outdistanced the British Eighth Army in pursuit across the hump of Cirenaica.

Military sources in London said that what was left of Rommel's force had been able to delay pursuit enough by rear guard action and mines to prevent General Montgomery from delivering the coup de grace.

Reports that the Germans had landed 12-ton tanks by air in Tunisia suggested to London observers that the first of two newly organized Nazi panzer airborne divisions were being thrown into the Tunisian test. One of these divisions numbers some 7,500 fighting troops, 2,500 service troops, and more than 200 tanks.

Berlin broadcasts quoted articles in the Nazi-controlled Paris Press in an effort to supply the Axis thesis that the Germans and Italians moved into Tunisia "with the full understanding and approval of French authorities."

Following announcements from Allied headquarters that French and British troops already were aiding the Allies, DNB said Lieut. Gen. Neiring had appealed to the French population and garrisons of North Africa.

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British Occupy Derna in Race After Rommel

Cairo, Nov. 17.—(AP)—British troops occupied the port of Derna, 150 miles short of Benghazi, and Mekki yesterday and other units of the British Eighth Army swept by to pursue the broken army of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel along the Libyan coastal road, it was announced officially.

The position of Rommel's shattered forces was not given in today's short communiqué, but they were last reported stretched out along the road from Benghazi to El Agheila, with the mass of his battered trucks and equipment apparently in the El Agheila area, some 400 miles from the Main Axis base of Tripoli.

The German high command said Nazi forces had abandoned Derna. Neither was the whereabouts of Rommel's remaining airplanes— if any—known, for U. S. Middle East headquarters said its fighters scouted the desert skies yesterday without finding a sign of an enemy aircraft.

Bad weather interrupted the strafing and bombing activities of the Allied air forces and Rommel's tired troops apparently enjoyed their first day of rest from aerial attacks in more than two weeks.

In the only aerial activity reported, a German Junkers-88 was shot down by British fighters off port said, at the entrance to the Suez canal. One British aircraft was lost during this fight.

The communiqué indicated, that while the pursuit of Rommel continues unabated the British are taking time to consolidate their recaptured positions in Libya thoroughly before extending themselves too much. Mekki, occupied yesterday is about 45 miles in land from Derna, a small seaport made almost useless for even small ships by constant bombing.

There was no further indication whether Rommel was planning to make a stand in the El Agheila region as suggested earlier by German reports. Nor was there an indication whether the Axis forces had completed their evacuation of Benghazi, which was still under aerial attack by the British Sunday.

Axis forces still in the Bengasi region face the possibility of being cut off and captured.

Hope Chamber to Entertain Service Men

An organization to entertain both local soldiers stationed at the Proving Ground and those stopping over in Hope was set up at the Chamber of Commerce office Monday night at a meeting attended by Roy Anderson, Ole Olsen, Bill Wray, Terrell Cornelius, E. E. Cornelius, A. E. Stonequist, Bill Steffey, Clifford Franks, and R. P. Bowen.

Plans are underway for entertaining the soldiers stationed at the Proving Ground once each week by the church organizations, which have the necessary facilities and to entertain them in the homes of the people of Hope. Citizens of the community will be asked to report to the President of this committee Roy Anderson, the number of soldiers each family is willing to entertain on Thanksgiving and in the future.

The building will be closed from 10:00 a. m. to 12:00 Noon so that all may attend church services of their choice.

Committees were set up to raise the funds necessary for providing

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Flashes of Life

By The Associated Press

Middletown, Ind.—Carl Cling owned two automobiles—a "jalopy" he drove to work and a new sedan, his "Sunday best."

While he was driving the sedan, it stalled, so he went back for the "jalopy" and with another man started to push the sedan home.

When the old car stalled at a railroad crossing with half of each car squarely on the tracks, Cling and his helper just barely jumped to safety as a train came along and demolished both cars.

Premature Philadelpha—At 10:20 a. m. air raid sirens screamed throughout Philadelphia for a surprise drill.

At 10:21 a. m. a man telephoned the municipal electrical bureau and asked excitedly: "Is the war over?"

Lively Antique—Singer James Melton, who collects antique automobiles, heard about the 1922 model electric that Mrs. Sidney J. Montgomery drives about Kansas City streets. He decided he wanted it.

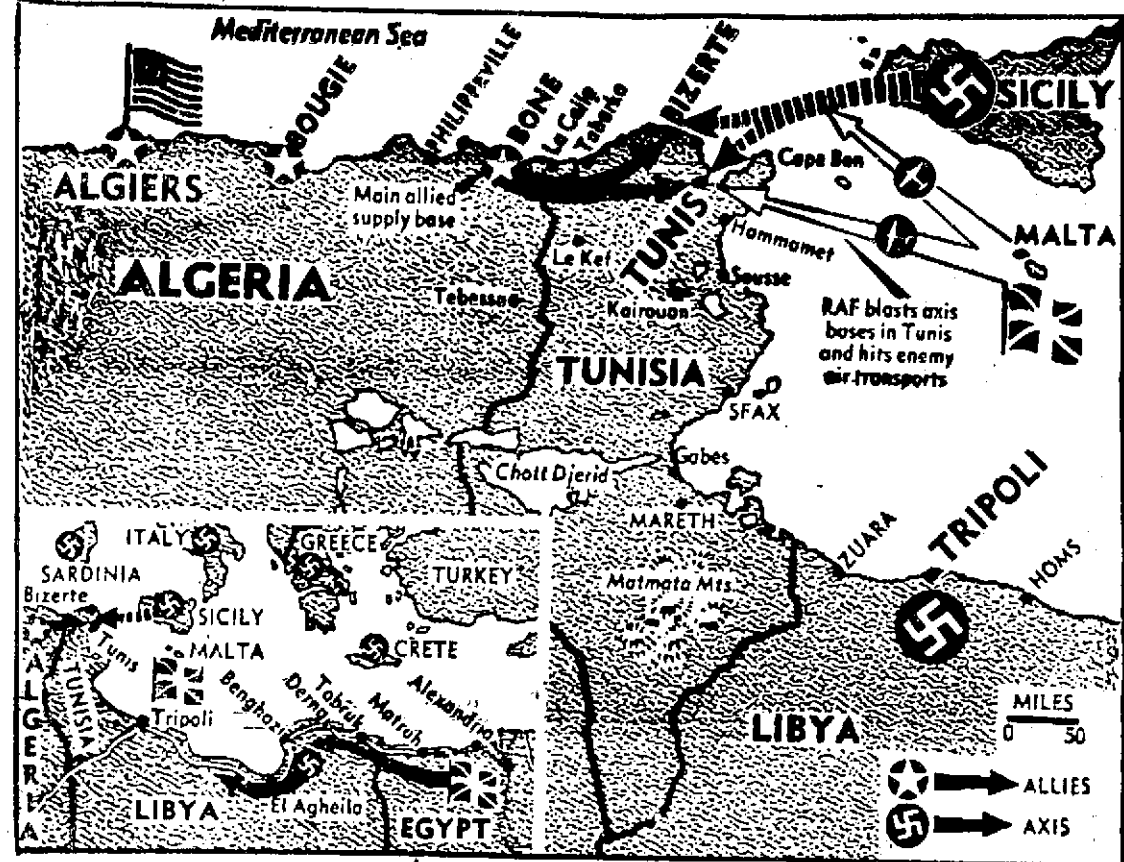
Snapped Mrs. Montgomery: "My car is not an antique. I would like Mr. Melton to know that."

It can still do a snappy 25 miles an hour. "And that's too fast for me."

Gun Shy
Camp Gruber, Okla.—Private Bud Chapman of Chillicothe, Mo., a rifle range instructor, has shot an old legend full of holes.

He has some Tennessee mountain boys in his classes. Many of them never have fired a gun before.

Allied Operations in North Africa



This telemap shows Allied operations beginning at Bone, Algeria. They are attacking the Axis forces at Bizerte. Tunis and the map also shows the retreat of Axis troops from Libya.

MacArthur's Troops Go Within Cannon Shot of Enemy Foothold at Buna

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Led by General MacArthur, jungle-toughened American and Australian troops forged within heavy cannon shot of Buna today, ready to fight the Japanese for that key Japanese base or take it by default.

The commander-in-chief of the Southwest Pacific went into the field himself to direct the campaign and with him were General Thomas Blamie, his commander of Allied land forces, and Lieut. Gen. George C. Kenney, his commander of Allied air forces.

Today's headquarters communiqué said that Australian patrols had reached the vicinity of Awala, only 30 miles by trail from Buna, with Australian and American forces closing in rapidly from the west and south against a steadily retreating enemy.

The Japanese faced either a last-ditch stand or an attempt to flee by sea. Buna is the only coastal foothold in Papua but up the New Guinea coast they have strongholds at Lae and Salamaua, some 150 miles away.

General MacArthur last had been in the field during the battle of Buna to direct active operations. American B25 medium bombers and A-20 attack planes teamed with Australian fighters to strafe

and bomb the retreating enemy around Buna and along the Kumusi river. Japanese were fleeing toward the coast in canoes, going down the Kumusi which reaches the sea northeast of Buna and these frail craft thrice were made the targets for Allied planes.

At Awala the advancing Allies were closer to Buna than the Japanese were to Port Moresby last September when their thrust across the towering Owen Stanley mountain range reached its highwater mark at Ioribaiwa, only 32 miles from the Allied base on the south coast.

The Allies disclosed on September 20 that they had begun counterattacking in the Ioribaiwa area, starting the offensive now nearing its climax after nearly seven weeks of grueling campaign through jungles and mountains.

General MacArthur's presence testified to the importance attached to the job of clearing the enemy out of Papua. But MacArthur's forces were keeping up with their tasks in other sectors, too.

Today's communiqué reported American heavy bombers again had struck at Japanese ship formations in the Buna-Faisi area of the northern Solomons, damaging a destroyer and a transport.

New Drive for Scrap Here on Nov. 19 and 20
There will be another Scrap Metal Drive at Hope Thursday and Friday, November 19 and 20, A. A. Albright announced today.

Hope High School boys will pick up the scrap and the drive will be supervised by members of the Kiwanis club. All are to meet at the Hope Fire Station, Thursday morning, November 19, at 9 o'clock.

Mr. Albright said.

"The United States Army, Navy, Marines and Air Forces have opened a second front, which will ultimately crush all Axis Armies. The War Production Board has called upon all citizens to make guns, tanks, ships and planes for these fighting forces. Your boy or your neighbor's boy might be one of those on this front needing supplies. The only way we can keep these supplies through you. We urge you now—today—to collect every pound of scrap about your place and have it out in front, convenient for these boys to find when they call."

"Telephone R28 if you have any questions to ask about Scrap."

Picking Prickly Pears
Lakeside, Calif. (AP)—Protected by heavy gloves and aprons, pickers are harvesting the prickly pear crop on the Manisado farm here. The fruit grows on giant cacti, and San Manisado said that once you learn to peel it without pricking yourself you'll enjoy it.

Willkie Calls for Agreement on Aims of War
New York, Nov. 17.—(AP)—With a plea for early agreement among the Allied nations on the aims of the war, Wendell Willkie said "every one of us" is obligated to speak out "freely and frankly across the oceans."

"Unless we have a similar idea of what they are thinking in England and in the commonwealth, there can be no hope of agreement," he told the New York Herald Tribune forum last night.

"We must know what the people of Russia and China aim for and we must let them know our aims. It is the utmost folly—it is just short of suicide—to take the position that citizens of any country should hold their tongues for fear of causing distress to the immediate neighbors."

MOP Asks Permission to Finish Tracks
Representatives of the Missouri Pacific railroad last night asked the city council for permission to go ahead with plans to construct an additional track across Pine, Washington and Harvey streets. The council took no action.

The city government condemned the project at a meeting last week, objecting to raising the pitch of the grade crossings 20 per cent, saying it increased danger to school children.

However, Knox Warns of Third Round With Japs

—War in Pacific

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
Washington, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Secretary of Navy Knox said today that the United States clearly had won round two of the battles for the Solomon Islands, but that it "must not be forgotten" that there may be a round three.

The secretary called last week's American naval victory—which cost the Japanese 11 warships and 12 other vessels sunk and ships damaged—a "major action," but not a decisive one. Japanese personnel losses may have run from 200,000 to 40,000.

"We have at the moment," Knox said in response to a press conference question, "naval supremacy around Guadalcanal."

He declined to claim more advantage than that strategically, but, commenting on the overall result of the greatest naval engagement since the battle of Jutland in the World War, said that it leaves American forces "in complete and undisputed possession of the (Guadalcanal Tulagi) area and of the island of Guadalcanal and the enemy very severe losses both in ships and personnel."

The effect of these losses, Knox said, obviously will be hurtful to the Japanese Navy, but he declined to say that the Jap fleet had been crippled.

"No doubt," he declared, "the processes of attrition operate more against them than against us. Remember that we build faster with our greater resources than they can."

He also pointed out that the Japanese remember also that the Japanese Navy, but he declined to say that the Jap fleet had been crippled.

"The Manganese Development company is planning to begin large-scale development of the manganese mine at Langley, Pike county, about the first of the year, according to information reaching Hope Star."

If present plans are carried out the mine will employ probably 100 persons.

Manganese Development company is headed by the Robert McCune interests of Waco, Texas. Mr. McCune formerly was one of the executives for the contractor who built the Southwestern Proving Ground north of Hope a year ago.

Southerners Team to Beat Poll-Tax Bill
Washington, Nov. 17.—(AP)—A well-organized group of southern senators opposed to the anti-poll tax bill took advantage of every parliamentary stratagem today to hold back the fourth attempt by administration forces to bring the measure before the senate.

Two attendance roll calls, two record votes on tabling appeals from ruling of Vice-President Wallace, and numerous points of order delayed the anti-poll tax measure until the fourth day of argument.

The southerners insisted that the journal of yesterday's proceedings be read in full, and made it clear they would offer various amendments and corrections designed to make the record speak the truth.

Senator Russell (D-Ga.) and Senator Connally (D-Tex.) spearheaded the effort on the floor. The southerners, however, were two Mississippi Democrats, Senators Bilbo and Doxey, both fortified with piles of law books and apparently prepared for lengthy speeches once they obtained the floor.

The southerners' immediate objective was to prevent Majority Leader Barkley (Ky.) from calling up the bill during the so-called "morning hour," or first two hours of a session.

Under the Senate's rules, Barkley's motion to take up the bill would not be debatable if made during the morning hour, but it could not be made until routine procedure, such as approval of the journal, had been completed.

U. S. Bombers Attack German Sub Base
London, Nov. 17.—(AP)—United States Flying Fortresses and Consolidated Liberators attacked the German submarine base at St. Nazaire, France, this afternoon, and air returned safely, it was announced officially.

A joint U. S. Army - British air ministry communiqué said "many bursts were seen on the targets."

"Some fighter opposition was encountered near the target area," it added, "and six enemy aircraft were destroyed."

The total population of India is 388,000,000; there are 24 languages.

